



COVID-19

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING



Friday, August 7, 2020

COVID ACTIVITY SNAPSHOT NOW TO BE PUBLISHED MONDAYS

Publishing of the COVID-19 weekly snapshot and detailed weekly report will shift to Mondays to give epidemiology staff more time to prepare the reports with more complete data aligned with weeks officially ending on Saturday.

COVID activity snapshot now to be published Mondays

For the last several weeks, Snohomish Health District has been releasing a weekly snapshot of COVID-19 response here, based on metrics and targets for Phase 2. A more detailed weekly report has also been published on Friday afternoons.

While both are continuing, district staff will begin issuing them on Mondays. This change will allow epidemiology staff more time to prepare the reports with more complete data aligned with weeks officially ending on Saturdays for data purposes. It will also allow the Health District to be able to better respond to social media questions after reports are released rather than over a weekend.

The Health District had anticipated the final Friday publication being today. However, a data failure occurred with one of the District's servers this week and the epidemiology team was focused on recovering and rebuilding the data. This means weekly reports are not available today, and will hopefully be released on Monday.

As a reminder, countywide data is available through an interactive dashboard from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) online at www.snohd.org/524/COVID-19-Data-Dashboard. Additional information also is available through DOH's Risk Assessment Dashboard at <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/covid-19-risk-assessment-dashboard>.

What is "The Snapshot?"

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

SNAPSHOT

TIME PERIOD: JULY 9 – JULY 23

PUBLISHED: JULY 31, 2020

COVID-19 ACTIVITY AND CAPACITY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Snohomish County moved to Phase 2 on June 5. The Snohomish Health District monitors these metrics and submits a weekly report to the Washington State Department of Health.

COVID-19 ACTIVITY

COVID-19 ACTIVITY

Confirmed cases reported July 9 - July 23, 2020

Trends in hospitalization for lab-confirmed COVID-19

TARGET

<25 cases / 100,000 residents / 14 days

flat or decreasing

CURRENT

88.4

decreasing

CHANGE SINCE LAST REPORT

↓ from 10.9

↑

The Snapshot provides an easy to understand overview of COVID-19 activity and capacity in Snohomish County. It clearly shows how we are measuring up according to the Governor's "Safe Start" metrics. By showing us current statistics and comparisons from previous weeks, we can see how we are progressing in the fight against COVID-19 and easily identify the areas where we need to improve. Watch for The Snapshot each Monday (previously released on Friday) and see how you can help our community get closer to fully re-opening.



DRIVE-THRU COVID-19 TESTING MOVES TO EVERETT STADIUM PARKING LOT

The Snohomish Health District is relocating drive-thru testing to a site that will allow for increased capacity. Starting Monday, August 10, the testing will be at 3900 Broadway in Everett.

Drive-thru COVID-19 testing moves to Everett stadium parking lot

The Snohomish Health District is relocating drive-thru testing to a site that will allow for increased capacity. Starting Monday, August 10, the testing will be at 3900 Broadway in Everett. This is the same location where the Health District first opened drive-thru testing back in March. Testing will be in the large parking lot near Everett Memorial Stadium.

The set-up at the Broadway site allows for more testing each day. The District expects to be able to test up to 500 people daily, up from the previous limit of 250-300.

For the week of August 10, the schedule is as follows:

- Monday, August 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 11, from noon to 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, August 13, from noon to 7 p.m.
- Friday, August 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Eligibility criteria remains the same as previous weeks. Registration is now open at www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing. The Health District is working to move to a different online registration system in the coming weeks, as well as providing a phone number for those without internet access or needing an interpreter.



Drive-Thru Testing: August 10-14

Our drive-thru testing site is moving to 3900 Broadway, in the large parking lot near Everett Memorial Stadium, starting August 10.

Register for an appointment & find more info at www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing

For the week of August 10, testing is available at 3900 Broadway:

- Monday, August 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 11, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, August 13, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday, August 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Testing is for COVID-19 and is by appointment. Results should be available in 3-4 business days.

 **SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT**
WWW.SNOHD.ORG

ANOTHER CASE OF MIS-C REPORTED IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Snohomish County accounts for two of the 11 Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) cases reported so far in Washington.

Another case of MIS-C reported in Snohomish County

The state Department of Health on Friday announced there are now 11 cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19 in Washington, including a new case in Snohomish County.

That brings to two the number of local children who have been diagnosed with the syndrome, officials said. The first local case was [announced in May](#).

MIS-C is a rare but serious condition first identified by health care providers in the United Kingdom in late April. An MIS-C case is defined as a patient under the age of 21 with a fever, laboratory evidence of inflammation and severe illness involving more than two organs that requires hospitalization. To meet the definition, patients must have no other plausible diagnoses as well as a positive COVID-19 test or exposure to a confirmed case in the four weeks before their symptoms began.

For more information, read the [full press release](#).

CHECK WITH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR FALL INSTRUCTION PLANS

Check with your local school district and sign up to receive updates on fall instruction plans.

Check with local school districts for fall instruction plans

Gov. Jay Inslee on Wednesday [announced](#) new [recommendations](#) for resuming in-person instruction in Washington schools for the upcoming 2020–2021 school year. When COVID-19 infection rates are high, the state strongly recommends mostly online or remote learning. Locally, the recommendations mirror earlier guidance offered by Dr. Chris Spitters, Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District. On July 29, the health officer recommended local [schools plan for distance learning](#) at the start of this school year because of the county's current COVID-19 infection rate. Most local school districts have announced plans consistent with that guidance, but it pays to check with each for details.



'SPREAD KINDNESS, NOT COVID-19' WINDOW CLINGS AVAILABLE

"Please wear a cloth face cover" window clings and "Please wash your hands" bathroom stickers are available for Snohomish County businesses while supplies last.

'Spread kindness, not COVID-19' window clings available

"Please wear a cloth face cover" window clings and "Please wash your hands" bathroom stickers are available for Snohomish County businesses while supplies last. If your business is interested, please email communications@snohd.org.

Also, for employers who have not already filled out the Employer Notifications form, please do so here: www.snohd.org/EmployerNotifications. This form provides the Health District with contact information to help reach the right person at your workplace in the event of a case or outbreak.



STATE HAS DISTRIBUTED 100 MILLION PIECES OF PPE IN COVID-19 FIGHT

The state reports that it is on track to distribute 100 million pieces of PPE by the end of this week.

State has distributed 100 million pieces of PPE in COVID-19 fight

The state reports that it is on track to distribute 100 million pieces of personal protective equipment (PPE) [by the end of this week](#). Equipment such as respirators, gloves, gowns, surgical masks and more helps hospitals, first responders and others working on the front lines to stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. PPE distribution information is posted weekly at the bottom of the state's [risk assessment dashboard](#).



WA Emergency Management 🇺🇸
@waEMD

Huge milestone for our team in the state EOC and our partners at @DES_WA_gov. By the end of the week, we will have distributed more than 100 MILLION pieces of PPE to folks like first responders & hospitals. Gowns, surgical masks, face shields, respirators and more.
[#MaskUpWA](#)



2:20 PM · Aug 6, 2020 · [Twitter Web App](#)

GOING SHOPPING? DON'T GET SHORTCHANGED

Because of business shutdowns and social distancing, people have been spending cash at stores or restaurants at record low levels. Now, some businesses are running low on coins and not offering change. See the tips at right to avoid losing money next time you go out shopping.

HEED THE SIGNS AND STAY SAFE AT EAGLE FALLS

WSDOT continues to take steps to encourage safer visits to Eagle Falls along U.S. 2 with new "no parking" signs and re-stripping the narrow shoulders.

Going shopping? Don't get shortchanged

Remember when stores ran out of toilet paper, hand sanitizer, and face masks? Well, now COVID-19 is cause for a new shortage: coins. Because of business shutdowns and social distancing, people have been spending cash at stores or restaurants at record low levels. Adding to the shortage, the [U.S. Mint has slowed down coin production](#) for a few months to keep employees safe from COVID-19. Now, some businesses are running low on coins and not offering change.

Here are some tips to avoid losing money next time you go out shopping:

- If you plan on paying in cash when shopping, bring coins from home so you can pay in exact change, if you can.
- If you're short on change and the store doesn't have it, ask the cashier if they can offer you store credit or can donate the leftover to charity, which more stores are starting to offer. Or, pay using a credit or debit card — or by check, if accepted by the store.
- If a store doesn't offer change, it should clearly state or display this policy. If you find a store that's intentionally misleading or deceptive about this policy, report it to [your state attorney general](#).

To learn more about consumer protection issues related to COVID-19, check out ftc.gov/coronavirus for the latest updates.

Heed the signs and stay safe at Eagle Falls

WSDOT continues to take steps to encourage safer visits to Eagle Falls along U.S. 2. It is now even clearer where parking is not allowed along the busy highway. Large crowds at the location have [created traffic snarls](#) this summer. They also have gathered without proper social distancing, increasing the risk of transmitting the virus that causes COVID-19.

Recreating responsibly is critical during the pandemic, not only at Eagle Falls, but other popular attractions.

Remember: No Space? Find another place.



WSDOT Traffic
@wsdot_traffic



This week, we finished installing new "no parking" signs and re-striping the narrow shoulders of US 2 near [#EagleFalls](#). Read more about why our highways are not safe spaces to park, camp: bit.ly/3fwtQXD



CDC SHARES STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING HEALTH EQUITY DURING COVID-19 CRISIS

To stop the spread of COVID-19 and move toward greater health equity, the CDC says we must work together to ensure resources are available to maintain and manage physical and mental health for everyone, including easy access to information, affordable testing, and medical and mental health care.

CDC shares strategies for addressing health equity during COVID-19 crisis

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [health equity](#) is achieved when everyone has the opportunity to be as healthy as possible. Long-standing systemic health and social inequities have put many racial and ethnic minority groups at increased risk of getting sick and dying from COVID-19.

To stop the spread of COVID-19 and move toward greater health equity, the CDC says we must work together to ensure resources are available to maintain and manage physical and mental health for everyone, including easy access to information, affordable testing, and medical and mental health care.

Read more about the [CDC's strategies](#) for reducing COVID-19 disparities and achieving health equity.

CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Data on case counts are available on the Snohomish Health District [website](#) and the Washington State Department of Health [dashboard](#).

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID- 19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Línea telefónica COVID-19 del condado de Snohomish: **425-388-7120**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of August 7, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:07 p.m.
Confirmed	5,423* (up 36 cases from 8/6)
Probable	678 (up 2 from 8/6)
Deaths	191

**Due to a delay with the Washington State Electronic Lab Reporting system, new cases have not been reported for 8/7/20. Case counts will be updated again on Monday, 8/10/20.*

Jurisdiction	
Arlington	251 (147 recovered)
Bothell*	456 (260 recovered)
Brier	30 (23 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	515 (370 recovered)
Everett	1,781 (1,145 recovered)
Gold Bar	9 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	43 (30 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	280 (157 recovered)
Lynnwood	981 (684 recovered)
Marysville	521 (340 recovered)
Mill Creek	102 (57 recovered)
Monroe	212 (104 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	172 (125 recovered)
Mukilteo	101 (75 recovered)
Snohomish	366 (189 recovered)
Stanwood	168 (117 recovered)
Sultan	30 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	44 (26 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	23 (14 recovered)
Woodway	10 (8 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. *Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.